

B-R-R! IT'S COLD THESE DAYS FOR FIRE DRILLS, SAYS M'LISS

School Children Who Are Sent From Warm Classrooms Into the Cold Air Without Wraps Likely to Catch Cold

AN IRATE mother, incensed at the fact that her little daughter, who had previously been at home with a bad cold, was forced out into the chill street for a fire drill the first day she was sent back to school, has written asking me to discuss her grievance in this column.

Ordinarily those people who get out their little hammers upon investigation to have some personal and biased reason for their knocking. It seems to me, however, that this Frankford woman's point is well taken.

Apart from the wisdom of and necessity for fire drills in the public schools, there is a law (so I was told by one of the assistants in the office of Doctor Garber, the superintendent) which provides that such drills be held twice a month.

Of course, the chief virtue of a fire drill is to "speed up" the pupils to such an extent that should a real fire occur their exit would be rapid and orderly. Obviously, if they are permitted to stop for anything—to get their wraps or to put away their books and papers—the chief value of the drill is lost.

But since the time for these drills is left to the judgment of the principal, it does seem a bit unwise to choose an exceptionally raw day for sending the children out of the warm classrooms into the cold outdoors. Would it not be a good idea to hold the winter drills at dismissal time when the youngsters are prepared to go out?

I think the Frankford mother's letter worth printing.

Dear M'LISS—Do you think it right to take little children from a warm room and allow them to go out in the schoolyard without coats or hats a day like last Monday? Why could the schools not have a fire drill on a day that was warmer? We big folks were none too warm with our coats on when we went out. How do you suppose those little mites felt, taken from a warm room out in the wind and cold?

If any of those children are delicate, or have throat trouble, or are subject to croup, what is going to happen? They are going to be ill. When any child is home more than three days it is supposed to have a note from a doctor when it goes back to school. Now if a child has a bad cold it may not need a doctor, even though the cold would perhaps hold on for a couple of weeks.

A mother can sometimes look after her children herself. A doctor is not always needed for every little illness if the mother has any knowledge at all, and poor folks don't always have the money for a doctor. Does the school board pay the doctor? No! Of course, there are some careless mothers, I know; but why should we all be judged alike?

I have two children, and both have croup. The little boy was at death's door three years ago, so you can understand how I feel when these little ones are ill at night, gasping and choking with croup. The little boy has a cough, and at noon came home and said that a fire drill had been held that morning, and the children had no coats or hats on, as bitter and windy as it was.

Fire drill is all right, but not when it endangers a child's life. On Wednesday, the 23d, they had one. It was a damp, cloudy and windy day. My little daughter has been home two days as a result with a cough that has settled on her chest. Just before Christmas the same thing happened and she was home three weeks. I am not a careless mother. I am careful of my children's food and clothing, and even went one whole winter to take up home nursing under a trained nurse at the Y. W. C. A. It was a wonderful help, too.

I wonder if the people know that all illness begins at school? One morning I was waiting in the office. The doctor came in to examine the children. A little Polish boy came first—a dirty little urchin. He examined his throat. Then came a frail little child—a girl. The doctor did not wash that instrument, but used it again. So where does the disease start from? I suppose he thought I was just some stray creature that didn't know. But I did.

Why should days like Monday be taken for fire drills instead of warm balmy days? How would the principal feel if he took off his coat and vest and stood out on such a morning? Respectfully MRS. D. H.

They Are Agreed

Miss A. H. Chittenden, president of the New York State Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage, says that a good anti will not associate with an unwomanly woman.

Watchful Waiting

The fact that the Socialist Party has named a woman on its Presidential ticket is no reason for precipitate jubilation on the part of those ladies who are hankering after offices.

Letters to the Editor of the Woman's Page

Address all communications to M'LISS, care of the Evening Ledger. Write on one side of the paper only.

Dear M'LISS—Inclosed find words of the "Dare to Do Right" song. I have forgotten a few, but perhaps this much will suggest them to your inquirer:

Dare to do right. Dare to be true. You have a work that none other can do. Do it so bravely, so nobly, so well, that angels will hasten the story to tell. Dare, dare, dare to do right. Dare, dare, dare to be true. Dare to do right. Dare to be true.

Dare to do right. Dare to be true. Other men's failures can never harm you. Stand by your honor, your —, your faith. Stand like a hero and battle till death. Dare, dare, dare to do right. Dare, dare, dare to be true. Dare to do right. Dare to be true. Germantown. M. E. B.

Atlantic City Reader's floral query will be answered upon receipt of stamped self-addressed envelope.

Dear M'LISS—I am not an American girl—in fact I am not a girl at all, and therefore cannot say with authority whether the American man is the ideal lover or the reverse.

It occurs to me that love-making cannot be reduced to a system and bound by cast-iron rules. In each case, the lover—American, Irish, German, French or Hot-tentot—makes a fool of himself, and whether any one of the quiet makes himself more ridiculous than the other four does not matter very much.

A CRUSTY OLD BACHELOR.

To Lucasta, on Going to the Wars

Tell me not, Sweet, I am unkind; That from the nursery Of thy chaste breast and quiet mind To war and arms I fly.

True, a mistress now I chase, The first foe in the field; And with a stronger faith embrace A sword, a horse, a shield.

Yet this inconstancy is such As you too shall adore; I could not love thee, Dear, so much, Loved I not Honor more.

—Colonel Richard Lovelace.

Skirts for the Sportsman

Of course, women will find it anyway, but there seems to be a new method of spending money every time you go into the shops. The separate sports skirt is the latest item. It comes in brilliant colors, and in many materials.

One model shown in an exclusive shop was made of heavy white flannel, circular, with a wide flare at the bottom. The belt and patch pockets were the chief ornaments, and attracted a good deal of attention, for they were made of bright red Russian leather.

Colored cloth in many odd tones is also featured. Startling color schemes are adopted, such as green with pinks in plaid material, red and blue and black and white. The latter has already been worn for street costumes.

A very fashionable matron wore a creation of this kind in the Bellevue the other day. The skirt was awning striped, quite plain and full. The jacket is a cutaway effect, very mannish, of black velours. She wears a tiny Nippon tongue and a quaint set of seal, with a triple watchman's collar with this.

Individuality in dress is more popular than uniformity this season.

About Lemons

Here are some of the things the ever-useful lemon can do:

Removes stains from the hands.

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SEEN IN THE SHOPS



A CHARMING GOWN REPRICED

THIS is the time of the year when evening gowns begin to look melancholy. This frock, fresh and dainty, comes to the girl who goes out a great deal like a life-saver, for the price is only \$16.75, the original figure on the price tag reading \$35. It is fashioned of a good quality crepe de chine, which forms the foundation skirt and blouse. Over this two draperies of silk net are seen, the under one being combined with chantilly lace, used in cantonelle style on the bodice and ending in a deep flounce at the bottom of the skirt. The second net trimming forms the lacy sleeves and shoulder straps, and makes the bouffant polonaise drapery on the skirt. Velvet streamers and moss roses at either side accentuate the bouffant line and give distinction. The wide girles in made of moire silk, with roses at the neck. The binding about the hem is of the same silk. This gown comes in black with a foundation of ciel, turquoise, flesh and pink, with contrasting silk on the hem and girle. The name of the shop where this article may be purchased will be supplied by the Editor of the Woman's Page, EVENING LEDGER, 608 Chestnut street. The request must be accompanied by a stamped, self-addressed envelope and must mention the date on which the article appeared.

A HARD GERM TO PRONOUNCE AND HARDER TO GET RID OFF

By WILLIAM BRADY, M. D.

THE common garden variety of streptococcus is a hard germ to pronounce and a harder one to get rid of. Yet we must learn how to accomplish both feats, especially if we happen to have a case of rheumatism concealed somewhere about our person. For the still more stammering term which we have used as the title of this conversation, at the grave risk of our reputation for simplicity, we are indebted to Dr. H. L. Ulrich, of Minnesota.

A blind dental abscess is a minute collection of pus at the apex or root of a tooth, perhaps giving no pain, perhaps even diagnosed by the dentist, but detected by X-ray photographs of the jaw. Ulrich found over 68 per cent of all artificially devitalized teeth had apical abscesses, and the total proportion of abscesses on 1350 dead teeth, including those found on pulpless teeth due to decay (cavity) or accident or fillings, was 83 per cent.

The busy little microbe in the majority of these cases—the microbe causing the abscess and the focal or secondary trouble, too—is the streptococcus viridans. Several other types join in the festivities, but S. v. appears to be the von Trepitz accountable primarily. And so factor Ulrich inflicts upon humanity this new word, streptococciosis, which is just as much entitled to a place in the medical lexicon as is tuberculosis or acidosis.

Whatever the primary cause of the abscess this much is established: A patient with any of the troubles above listed as focal or secondary, should bear in mind the possible influence of a blind dental abscess, and if necessary have

Advertisement for J. Franklin Miller's 'Ladd' Beater. The ad describes the beater as a 'best beater for eggs, cream, etc.' and lists its features: 'Has eight beating blades, twice as many as the old style beater. It does the work in one-third the time of the old style beater.' It is available in 'Ladd's' Beater, small 35c and 'Ladd's' Beater, large 50c. The ad is for J. Franklin Miller, 1626 Chestnut St., The House Furnishing Store.

Marion Harland's Corner

All communication addressed to Marion Harland should include a stamped, self-addressed envelope and a clipping of the address of the person to whom the article is to be sent. Persons wishing to aid in the charitable work of the H. C. Harland Institute should have in care of this paper, for addresses of those they would like to help, having in care of this paper, communicate direct with these parties.

Shipments to Canada

MRS. A. asks for information regarding shipments of clothing, old magazines and cloth remnants to Canada. The following may be of interest: The Canada customs tariff provides: Clothing and books, donations of, for charitable purposes, and photographs not exceeding three cents by friends and not for the purpose of sale, free. Newspapers and quarterly, monthly and semi-monthly magazines and weeklies, literary papers (unbound), tailors' milliners' and mantemakers' fashion plates, when imported in single copies in sheet form with magazines or periodical trade journals, general tariff of 7 1/2 per cent. ad valorem. The original tariff provided for free entry, but on February 1, 1915, the 7 1/2 per cent duty was imposed. This, however, seems to apply to current issues, and I should think that old magazines for charitable purposes would come into the same category as books for charitable purposes. Clothing remnants are not classified; the only analogous item being junk, old rags of cotton, jute, hemp and wool, paper and waste clippings and wastes of all kinds, 7 1/2 per cent. ad valorem. The duty imposed on February 11, 1915, the original tariff reading 'free.'

Watts' Painting, "Hope"

"Hope," the painting by Watts, has not been interpreted correctly in the Helping Hand Corner. The painting hangs in a gallery in London. The young woman posing is Ellen Terry, then the wife of Watts. Alone in the world and blind, she is listening to the sound of the lyre having only one string. This is the one ray of hope. In the great painting in London there is the faint ray of a star in the East. It is considered the greatest interpretation of hope by artists. The drawing of the neck is criticized; but why, when Watts has given us such courage, such perseverance, and, above all, faith, for an example? Ellen Terry was youthful and supple and but 17 when she married Watts. "ROSE M. L."

Cheap White Cake

Here's a good, cheap white cake: Put one and one-half cups of flour in a dish, then one cup of sugar on top of the flour. Add a teaspoonful of baking powder on that. Then put the whites of eggs in a teacup and fill the cup half full of melted butter; then fill with sweet milk and season to taste with a pinch of salt. Beat all five minutes. Don't beat eggs separately. It's good. "E. H."

It is assuredly novel. And let me ask if the cake thus tossed together is fine grained? I wish you would write again and reassure us upon this point. We are on the lookout for new recipes and easier ways of doing old things. Your recipe promises well in both these respects. Don't fail to tell us if, after the materials are beaten together and the cake is baked the product is not coarser in grain than if the latter had been mixed in the usual way.

What to Say

"My Dear Miss Blake: When a lady and gentleman have been introduced and are saying good-by, is it proper for the lady or the gentleman to say she or he is glad they met? What should the other respond? ROSAMOND."

It's all a matter of choice; some do, some don't say my part, although it is mere form, I think it's nice to say, "I'm so glad to have met you," or an equally pretty speech. All the other party needs to do is smile and answer, "Thank you, I feel the same."

Suggest Another Call

"Dear Miss Blake: Will you please tell me what a girl should say when, after being out with a young man, he says before leaving that he hopes he can 'take her again when there's an opportunity?'"

HOUSEHOLD PHYSICS

POT HANDLES How Are They Kept Cool?

By VIRGINIA E. KIFT

WHEN you bought your last pot did you look particularly at the handle? Did you happen to notice whether it was hollow, of some nonconducting material, or solid metal? The next time you invest in a new pot, be a bit a considering size, material, shape and weight, pay particular attention to the handle.

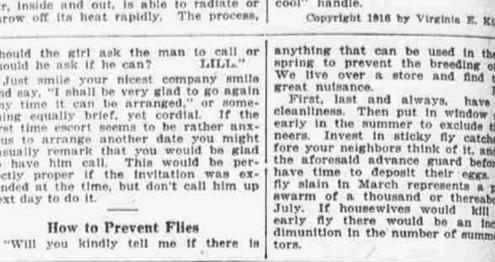
The idea used in keeping a pot handle cool embrace interesting, easily understood physical laws. The heat waves travel through the metal of a pot to the handle, which is usually of thinner material than the pot itself. Since a thin metal cannot conduct (or carry) as much heat as a thick one, only a small amount of heat will enter the handle.

A hollow handle (shown in figure) used on so many pots and kettles is a good example of the radiation or throwing off of heat. A small opening at the base of this type of handle admits cold air, absorbs some of the heat and rises, forced out by the cooler entering current. Thus the handle coming in contact with cool air, inside and out, is able to radiate or throw off its heat rapidly. The process,

anything that can be used in the early spring to prevent the breeding of flies. We live over a store and find them a great nuisance. First, last and always, have strict cleanliness. Then put in window screens early in the summer to exclude the flies. Invest in sticky fly catchers before your neighbors think of it, and catch the aforesaid advance guard before they have time to deposit their eggs. Every fly slain in March represents a possible swarm of a thousand or thereabouts in July. If housewives would kill every early fly there would be an incredible diminution in the number of summer visitors.

Should the girl ask the man to call or should he ask if he can? LILLIAN. Just smile your nicest company smile and say, "I shall be very glad to go again any time it can be arranged," or something equally brief, yet cordial. If the first time escort seems to be rather nice, invest in sticky fly catchers before your neighbors think of it, and catch the aforesaid advance guard before they have time to deposit their eggs. Every fly slain in March represents a possible swarm of a thousand or thereabouts in July. If housewives would kill every early fly there would be an incredible diminution in the number of summer visitors.

How to Prevent Flies "Will you kindly tell me if there is anything that can be used in the early spring to prevent the breeding of flies. We live over a store and find them a great nuisance. First, last and always, have strict cleanliness. Then put in window screens early in the summer to exclude the flies. Invest in sticky fly catchers before your neighbors think of it, and catch the aforesaid advance guard before they have time to deposit their eggs. Every fly slain in March represents a possible swarm of a thousand or thereabouts in July. If housewives would kill every early fly there would be an incredible diminution in the number of summer visitors."



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Advertisement for ROYAL BAKING POWDER. The ad features the text: 'Makes Home Baking Easy', 'ROYAL BAKING POWDER ABSOLUTELY PURE', 'No Alum—No Phosphate'. It includes an illustration of a woman in a long coat and hat, and a smaller illustration of a woman in a dress. The ad also lists prices: \$18.50, \$22.50, \$25.50 for suits, and \$13.50 for a polo coat.

Advertisement for Tyrol Wool. The ad features the text: 'Tyrol Wool (In a Knitted Fabric) LADIES' AND MISSES' SUITS \$18.50, \$22.50, \$25.50 for Spring and Summer Models and Colors Suitable for Every Occasion also The New Polo Coat Suede Collars and Cuffs Design Exclusive \$13.50'. It includes an illustration of a woman in a long coat and hat, and a smaller illustration of a woman in a dress. The ad also lists the manufacturer: MANN & DILKS 1102 CHESTNUT STREET.

MILLIE AND HER MILLIONS

A comic strip titled 'MILLIE AND HER MILLIONS'. The characters are Professor Strong and Monty. The dialogue includes: 'PROFESSOR STRONG THE PHYSICAL CULTURE EXPERT IS COMING TONIGHT, MONTY.' 'WHAT DOES HE WANT HERE?' 'JUST A SOCIAL CALL. DON'T YOU REMEMBER WE MET HIM AT THE GILT-EDGES?' 'I REMEMBER HE WOULDN'T EAT PASTRY.' 'I'M GOING TO TACKLE THE PROFESSOR ON THE SUBJECT OF EXERCISE. I BET HE'LL AGREE WITH ME THAT 10 MINUTES A DAY IS ENOUGH.' 'YOU LOOK THE PICTURE OF HEALTH, PROF.' 'I'D BE IN BETTER SHAPE IF I COULD EXERCISE MORE, MRS. VAN OODLES.' 'I CAN'T GET MORE THAN AN HOUR AND A HALF A DAY.' 'I GUESS I WON'T TACKLE HIM.'